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**JUSTICE PHILIP J. RARICK TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS**

Supreme Court of Illinois Justice Philip J. Rarick will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 94 new attorneys are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Collinsville on Thursday, November 7.

The group is among 1,612 men and women who were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Collinsville program in the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m in the LaSalle Room at the Gateway Convention Center, which is located near the intersection of Illinois Route 157 and Interstates 55/70 in Collinsville.

Justice Rarick, in his first swearing-in ceremony as Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class and their families and friends, and give congratulatory remarks to the new bar admittees.

Attorney Jack Carey, who is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association's (ISBA) Board of Governors, will be the opening speaker. Mr. Carey is a solo practitioner in Belleville.

Mr. Robert H. Howerton, partner with the firm of Howerton, Dorris & Stone of Marion will be the second speaker.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Chief Judge Stephen Kernan from the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Belleville; Circuit Judges Ann Callis from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit in Edwardsville; Michael P. Kiley from the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Hillsboro; Mark A. Schuering from the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Quincy; and Bruce D. Stewart from the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit in Marion.

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A reception will follow.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and an ethics examination; and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to over 77,000.

Media coverage is invited.

Justice Rarick was born in Troy, Illinois. He received his B.A. degree from Southern Illinois University and his law degree from St. Louis University. He engaged in private law practice in Collinsville, Illinois, from 1966 until 1975, during which time he served as City Attorney for the City of Collinsville, Township Attorney for Collinsville and Jarvis Townships, and Assistant State's Attorney in Madison County.

He assumed judicial office in 1975 and served as Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit from 1985 to 1987. He also served as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division in Madison County from 1982 to 1985 and from 1987 to 1988. He was elected to the Appellate Court, Fifth District, in 1988, and was retained in 1998. Justice Rarick is married and has one son and one granddaughter.

The counties in the Fifth District of the Supreme Court are: Christian, Shelby, Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Lawrence, Richland, Clay, Wayne, Marion, Jefferson, Clinton, Washington, St. Clair, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Edwards, Wabash, Gallatin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Springfield, Joliet and Elgin.